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During the National Library of Medicine update at the Medical Library Association meeting in Dallas in May, 2002, NLM Director Donald Lindberg announced that Alison Bunting, Director of PSRML, has been elected as Chair of the NLM Board of Regents. Alison's term begins in July 2002. She will oversee her first Board meeting in Bethesda, MD, in September 2002.

Alison will be taking the helm from Henry Foster, M.D., who, in addition to serving as Chair of the Board of Regents, is the 2nd Vice Chairman of the Charles R. Drew School of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles. He also served as Senior Advisor to President Clinton on Teen and Youth Issues.

The NLM Board of Regents was established in 1956 by the same Act that created the National Library of Medicine. It serves as the advisory body to the Secretary, Health and Human Services; Assistant Secretary for Health; Director, National Institutes of Health; and the Director, National Library of Medicine, on all important aspects of policy regarding the National Library of Medicine and is the final review body for NLM's extramural grant programs. The Board meets three times a year in February, May, and September. Minutes of Board meetings are posted on the NLM web site at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/od/bor/bor.html>.

[Note: Alison Bunting also becomes Interim University Librarian in July 2002, following the retirement of Gloria Werner – Alison will continue as PSRML Director until her retirement from UCLA in December 2002.]



NLM Update

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) Update for the Medical Library Association was presented in Dallas on May 21, 2002, by Donald Lindberg, M.D., Director; Betsy Humphreys, Associate Director, Library Operations; and Angela Ruffin, Head, National Network Office. The presentation included updates on NLM's activities in full text resources, genetic medicine, consumer health information, toxicology and environmental health resources, and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, along with highlights of new NLM plans and programs.

FULL TEXT RESOURCES AND LINKAGES

PubMed Central

NLM continues to add new full-text titles and will be adding backfiles for journals currently in PubMed Central. The American Society for Microbiology will be adding all ASM journals. NLM will scan the entire backfile of the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association* (continued by the *Journal of the Medical Library Association*). The PubMed Central site is located at <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>.

PubMed Bookshelf

Recent additions to the PubMed Bookshelf include *Immunobiology*, 5th ed. (2001) and *Holland Frei Cancer Medicine*, 5th ed. (2000).

US Surgeon General Reports

NLM has made available all reports issued by the US Public Health Service Surgeon General. To see these reports, go to <http://sgreports.nlm.nih.gov/NN/>.

Profiles in Science Collections

This site from the NLM History of Medicine Division provides digital copies of the archival collections of prominent twentieth-century biomedical scientists. The collections have been donated to the National Library of Medicine and contain published and unpublished materials from Linus Pauling, Barbara McClintock, Marshall Nirenberg, Christian Boehmer Anfinsen, Jr., Julius Axelrod, Martin Rodbell, Joshua Lederberg, and Oswald T. Avery. See <http://profiles.nlm.nih.gov/>.

GENETIC MEDICINE

Data linkages

Using the Entrez search and retrieval system, NLM's National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) provides access to gene sequence, mapping, taxonomy, and structure data; offers graphic views of sequences and chromosome maps and references; and maintains BLAST, a sequence matching tool. BLAST takes only 15 seconds for searching against 15 million sequences and over 14 billion base pairs from over 100,000 species. It is accessed via the web over 200,000 times daily by over 50,000 researchers.

Indexing Project

The feature ranked first by the 1,913 respondents to NCBI's Protein Sequence Information Survey was protein function based on experimental evidence from published literature. Computational predictions were ranked less useful, an unexpected result. In response, NLM established a new indexing project: as part of the article indexing flow, indexers now create a link between the PubMed ID and the gene record in LocusLink, and they add a description from the article to the gene record. This indexing project will add 30,000 to 50,000 links per year. Results of the survey are available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/About/proteinsurvey/>.

Bioinformatics Workshop

NCBI will offer the "Advanced Workshop for Bioinformatics Specialists," on August 5-9, 2002, at NLM.

CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION

MEDLINEplus.gov has grown to include 544 health topic pages. Newly added to the MEDLINEplus site, MedMaster™, a product of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, complements the *USP DI® Advice for the Patient®*, a product of the United States Pharmacopeia. A Spanish-language MEDLINEplus interface will be released in Fall 2002, with approximately 300 health topics. MEDLINEplus links to ClinicalTrials.gov, which is adding industry-sponsored trials. At the University of North Carolina, the "Go Local" pilot project is gathering information on local area care facilities, health equipment and supplies, health screening, specialists, support groups, etc., that can be linked from MEDLINEplus topic pages. Usage is growing; during April 2002, MEDLINEplus had over 11 million page views and over 1.3 million unique visitors.

TOXICOLOGY/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

NLM's Specialized Information Services Division launched a new look for the TOXNET and DIRLINE search interfaces in May. New features include a streamlined search interface and simultaneous searching of all TOXNET databases. The Toxicology Information Outreach Project (TIOP) offers training in toxicology databases for health professionals at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and tribal communities. The SIS Office of Outreach and Special Populations is also developing population specific web sites. The Arctic Health portal is available at <http://arctichealth.nlm.nih.gov/>. A site on Asian-Pacific Islanders is under development.

NATIONAL NETWORK OF LIBRARIES OF MEDICINE

Mission and Goals

The current contracts incorporate the official change in the NN/LM mission to include "Improving the public's access to information to enable them to make informed decisions about their health" as well as continuing programs to enhance access to biomedical information for U.S. health professionals. [Note: View the NN/LM

Mission Statement, Goals, and Objectives from the “About Us” link on the PSRML web site, <http://nnlm.gov/psr/>, or go to: <http://nnlm.gov/psr/aboutus.html>.]

Network and Outreach Programs

In the area of Network programs, the NN/LM continues to encourage and facilitate resource sharing. Planning is underway for national implementation of the Electronic Funds Transfer System (EFTS), headquartered at the University of Connecticut. EFTS will enable electronic payment of document delivery charges. Public libraries and other libraries providing health information services are being invited to join the NN/LM network as affiliate members. In the area of outreach programs to improve health information access for health professionals and members of the public, NLM and NN/LM offer funding for outreach projects, as well as conducting direct outreach through exhibits, presentations, and training. To assist network members with project planning and evaluation, the NN/LM Outreach Evaluation Resource Center publishes *Measuring the Difference: Guide to Planning and Evaluating Health Information Outreach*. The guide is available full text at <http://nnlm.gov/evaluation/guide>.

Public Health

Partners in Information Access for Public Health Professionals is a joint program of the NN/LM, NLM, Centers for Disease Control, and other government agencies and professional associations. It was formed to implement public health training and outreach projects across the nation. A new feature of the Partners web site is the HP2010 Information Access Project, which provides automatic links to PubMed citations related to Healthy People 2010 objectives. This project is described at <http://nnlm.gov/partners/hp/>.

WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

Systematic Reviews

A new search filter, Systematic Reviews, is now available on PubMed's Clinical Queries screen. The Systematic Reviews filter retrieves citations for systematic reviews, meta-analyses, reviews of clinical trials, evidence-based medicine, consensus development conferences, guidelines, and citations to articles from journals specializing in clinical review studies.

Education and Training of Health Sciences Librarians

As outlined in the 2001-2005 Long Range Plan, NLM will explore development of a new mid-career training program for librarians; explore the need and mechanisms for expanding the supply of specialist librarians (Clinical, Health Policy, Bioinformatics); work with MLA and others to recruit more minorities into the profession; and assess impact of the Woods Hole course, the expanded Associate program, and informatics fellowships for librarians. NLM's Long Range Plan is available at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/plan/lrp00/lrp00.html>.

NLM Facilities

A planned NLM building addition will include a research building, a conference center, and a collaboratory with small group meeting spaces. NLM and the other Institutes in the National Institutes of Health are very security conscious; advanced biometrics devices are in place to control access to the NLM computer room.

Automated indexing

NLM has developed a Medical Text Indexer system, which will be used soon for indexing AIDS meeting abstracts.

NLM Gateway

NLM plans to convert more of the older indexes to electronic form. Citations from 1957-1965 are in Old MEDLINE, accessible via the NLM Gateway. All five series of the *Index-catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon General's Office* will be on web within the next year.

International Programs

NLM is working with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) on an information center in Honduras to assist with disaster response. International DOCLINE participation has increased. For example, see Non-U.S. Health Libraries Providing Document Delivery Internationally at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/ild/main.cfm>.

A Reminder!

NLM welcomes your input on its resources and services, as does PSRML! Send comments to NLM at custserv@nlm.nih.gov. Send comments to PSRML at psr-nnlm@library.ucla.edu.

Electronic Funds Transfer System: Next Steps

The article on Electronic Funds Transfer System (EFTS) in the May-June 2002 issue of *Latitudes* (<http://nnlm.gov/psr/lat/v11n3/efts.html>) brought a number of enthusiastic comments to PSRML. Several came from hospital librarians who hope that EFTS will reduce the number of checks they request and thus simplify their bill-paying. Resource libraries are interested because EFTS will mean savings on postage and paper currently used for invoices. They also hope to reduce – if not eliminate – monitoring the status of bills paid and tracking delinquent accounts. The question quickly became not “Can we do this?” but “When can we start?”

The MLA meeting brought several opportunities to learn more about EFTS. The Saturday night EFTS meeting had extraordinary attendance despite the time (it was scheduled right after the Welcome Reception, the only available time slot), the RML Directors meeting discussed the issue at length, and the DOCLINE Coordinators delved into the nitty-gritty. Most encouraging was the announcement at the NLM Online Users Meeting that NLM would not only provide support and assistance to the University of Connecticut to host the system, but that NLM would participate, allowing DOCLINE members to pay for their NLM loans through EFTS as well.

So what happens next? First, familiarize yourself with EFTS by going to their web site at <http://efts.uchc.edu/efts>. A list of Frequently Asked Questions is available at <http://efts.uchc.edu/efts/faq.html>. Take a look at the flowchart called “What do I need to do to participate in EFTS?” that is available at <http://efts.uchc.edu/efts/map.html>. Look at EFTS policies as well. These are available at <http://efts.uchc.edu/efts/pp.html>.

Second, although anyone can join EFTS, it makes most sense to join when your interlibrary loan partners join as well, except, of course, for those agreements for which you do not charge each other. But if you use coupons or other charging schema such as reduced rates, EFTS makes imminent sense. Thus, the place to begin is by talking with your interlibrary loan partners to see if you have common interests.

Third, you will need to sign up with EFTS. You will need to fill out an application, sign a Memorandum of Agreement, and submit a deposit that approximates three months worth of interlibrary loan charges or \$100, whichever is greater. You can pay your deposit by check or ask EFTS to issue an invoice. When your account is established, EFTS will notify PSRML, and we will add your LIBID to the EFTS Library Group in DOCLINE. You will want to start incorporating EFTS libraries in your routing tables.

That's all you need to do unless you charge other libraries for loans. In that case, you need to submit a data file to EFTS every month. You can do this in one of two ways; first, if you use ILLiad, CLIO, or QuickDoc for managing your DOCLINE transactions, these systems can generate the report you need. If your automated system does not yet provide an EFTS report writing capability, you can contact the vendor and ask them to include this capability in the software (EFTS personnel will be willing to work with the vendors on the report format). If you use a tracking system developed in-house, you may be able to program the report internally. Alternatively, you can use the EFTS File Builder Program to help you enter the data manually. Go to <http://efts.uchc.edu/efts/filebuilder.html> to download the program. If you are considering EFTS and cannot get the data otherwise, take a look at this program. People say that it is very easy to use and that it works well for libraries that do not have many loans for which they charge. Finally, you will send the data file to EFTS at efts@uchc.edu.

You may also wonder who pays for EFTS. Although NLM is providing support right now, EFTS is targeted to be self-supporting in three years. Each lending library is charged 3% -- which for the national maximum loan is less than the cost of a first class postage stamp! For groups using a reduced charging schema, the charge is correspondingly less. Because of this service charge, even net lenders must create a deposit account with EFTS; this is the account from which the service charge will be debited.

What is the timetable? You can certainly join EFTS right now and find lending partners from other regions. But it's most realistic to assume it may take up to a year for all the pieces to be in place for libraries in the Pacific Southwest Region. ILL groups will need to discuss whether they will participate, and if so, how much will they charge each other. Lenders will need to be able to supply data to EFTS. UCLA is exploring how to get data to EFTS using the VDX system. NLM will need time for programming and accounting changes. Still, there are undoubtedly libraries in our region that can, and will, join very soon.

PSRML will be working with MLA chapters and any other interested groups to help implement EFTS in the Pacific Southwest Region. There are plans to set up an EFTS listserv, and PSRML will post all milestones to the PSRML listserv. If you would like to read testimonials from current users, take a look at the articles from the Greater Midwest Region at <http://nnlm.gov/gmr/newsletter/4/>.

In the meantime, please continue to send comments and questions to Julie Kwan, PSRML Library Network Coordinator, at jkkwan@library.ucla.edu, 310-825-5342 or 800-338-7657. Thank you! - JK

Kaiser Permanente Donates Health Education Videos to California Public Libraries

Earlier this year, Kaiser Permanente, the state's largest not-for-profit health plan, donated 27,600 videos to California's 1,200 public libraries. In a February 2002 press release, Kevin Starr, California State Librarian, stated, "Our librarians are very concerned about the quality of health information provided to their patrons. These videos not only offer an easy way to learn, but also provide them with responsible and current health information."

A collection of 23 preventive health videos, many in both English and Spanish, were sent to each library. They address a variety of common health concerns and range from 7 minutes to more than an hour in length;

information in the videos is provided by physicians, health educators, and other medical experts. The videos sent to the public libraries are listed below. They are also listed, with a description of their contents, on Kaiser's Community Wellness Library Web site (<http://www.kpwellness.org>).*

- Birth Control Pill Instructions for Teens
- Breast Reduction Surgery / Cirugia de reduccion del busto
- Breast Self-Exam, A Habit for Life / Examinandos sus senos, un habito para toda la vida
- El camino a la recuperacion: Tome control de su problema de la espalda (Easing Back: Taking Control of Your Back Problem)
- Carlos and the Magic Machine: Helping Your Child Understand Radiation Treatment
- Colds, Flu and You / Los refriados, la gripe y usted
- Como vivir bien con asma (Living Well With Asthma)
- El cuidado del recién nacido: las primeras dos semanas del bebe en la casa (Newborn Care: Your Baby's First Two Weeks at Home)
- Decisiones Prenatales: Amniocentesis
- Easing Back: Taking Control of Your Back Problem
- Heartburn: Treating Yourself Sensibly / La acidez: Tratandose con sensatez
- Invisible Illness: Living with Sickle Cell Anemia
- Living Well with Asthma
- Newborn Care: Your Baby's First Two Weeks at Home
- No More Falls! A Guide for Older Adults
- A Parent's Guide to Temperament: Parts 1-4
- Prenatal Screening and Testing
- Pruebas y exámenes prenatales (Prenatal Screening & Testing)
- Quality of Time: An Introduction to Hospice
- Su Niño y el Asma (Your Child and Asthma)
- Understanding and Treatment of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
- You and Your Feet: Treating Surface and Sole Problems; Bunions; & Hammer Toes
- Your Child and Asthma

In addition to the videos now available at public libraries, more than a thousand videos are available to the general public through the Kaiser Permanente Community Wellness Library Web site mentioned above. Information on the site states, "The library is a collection of educational videotapes, produced by Kaiser Permanente. The tapes are available for loan at no cost and most of the material can be purchased at a nominal fee. Some of this material is also available in Spanish, Cantonese, and Mandarin." Over two-thirds of the videos in the collection are directed at a consumer audience; the remainder target health professionals.

The Community Wellness Library catalog can be viewed in its entirety, or can be searched using either a basic or advanced search feature. The site has an online order form for borrowing materials, as well as a link to a printable purchase order form. – HS

*With the exception of "Breast Reduction Surgery," which has not yet been cataloged. Also, some of the titles on the list vary slightly on the website (for example, "Los refriados, la gripe y usted" is listed on the website as "Los catarros, la gripe y usted").

[Information for this article was obtained from the Kaiser Permanente California News Bureau Press Release of February 5, 2002 (<http://www.kp.org/locations/california/newsroom/releases/ca020502.html>) and through the gracious assistance of Kate Fitz, Library Assistant, MultiMedia Library, Kaiser Permanente.]

Medicare Web Site for California Consumers

CalMedicare.org is a free public service for California Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and friends. The site is produced by the California HealthCare Foundation, a private nonprofit health foundation formed in 1996, and committed to improving California's health care delivery and financing systems.

"This site provides information about the Medicare program in California, as well as the options for covering health costs not paid for by Medicare," according to the description on the home page.

It covers basics about Medicare, information about Medicare managed care plans, Medigap policies, and employer coverage and disabilities as they relate to Medicare. The dictionary feature helps the visitor to this site wade through the swamp of Medicare terminology. The Resources tab links to an FAQ and a personal checklist, in addition to other very helpful resources.

One of the most recent additions to the site is the *Consumer Reports Guide to Medicare HMOs: Updated for 2002*. An English and Spanish version of the *Guide* can be downloaded in PDF format from the site. The *Guide* helps Medicare beneficiaries find the HMO plan in California that is best for them. This publication is a partnership between the Consumers Union and the California HealthCare Foundation.

Let your patrons know about this helpful resource! – HS

New MEDLINE/PubMed Publication Type: Patient Education Handouts

A few weeks ago we received a call from one of our Network librarians asking for more information about the new Publication Type in MEDLINE/PubMed: Patient Education Handout. As described in the March-April 2002 *NLM Technical Bulletin* (http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/ma02/ma02_new_pt.html), "These summaries are designed for physicians to share with patients or to assist physicians in talking to patients."

Although these articles have been indexed for some time, the new publication type and links between these citations and the full articles they relate to are included in PubMed starting with the 2002 publication year. To retrieve these summaries, use **patient education handout[ptyp]** in your search (There are only 182 of these handouts, so it will be a long time before there are enough to place this publication type in Limits – would almost always retrieve zero!). See the Search Tip in the *Technical Bulletin* article to find out how to search PubMed for patient education information prior to 2002.

You may want to make members of your medical staff aware of the summaries available by publishing a list of citations for patient education handouts, categorized by topic. Initially, you might select those topics that correspond with the top DRGs seen at your institution.

The new publication type is also being added to the preformulated PubMed search statements for a number of topics in MEDLINEplus, NLM's consumer web site. If there are any handouts, those citations will appear in the PubMed results set. – HS

Volunteers Needed for 2002/2003 Exhibits: Come Join the Fun!

PSRML's new 2002/2003 exhibit schedule is posted on the web at <http://nnlm.gov/psr/schedule.html>. We are exhibiting NLM products and services at a variety of clinical and health-related conferences in San Diego, San Francisco, Palm Desert, Phoenix and Los Angeles. Helpful volunteers at the exhibits usually show conference attendees how to search PubMed, MEDLINEplus, and ClinicalTrials.gov. We like to show attendees that medical librarians are knowledgeable, supportive and resourceful.

Common questions we receive are: "How come all the journals aren't available in full text, free, on the web site?" and "How do I limit my search when I get too many citations?" Frequent comments we receive are: "I have a great librarian; she does all the searching for me!" and "Great resource—MEDLINE!"

We also get to hear what the cutting edge topics are from the various meetings. For example, at this year's ACOG meeting, attendees were discussing "cesarean births and malpractice" and "hormone replacement therapy and cardiovascular disease." At PriMed there was a lot of interest in evidence-based medicine.

Depending on the exhibit, we usually ask for a commitment of four hours. We will reimburse you for your expenses, including lunch, parking and transportation costs.

By exhibiting, you will also earn credits for the Academy of Health Information Professionals in the section on Individual Accomplishment under Conference Participation/Exhibitor. MLA awards three (3) points for exhibitor participation at national meetings and one (1) point for assistance at local meetings.

To take advantage of this opportunity, contact Kay Deeney at kdeeney@library.ucla.edu or ask for Kay at (800) 338-7657, or directly at (310) 206-0525. – KD



Dennis Ritchey demonstrates MEDLINEplus

Express Outreach Awards Announced

The first round of Express Outreach Awards for 2002 has been completed, and PSRML has funded projects for approximately \$6,000 each. All projects cover the time period from June 1, 2002, to May 31, 2003. The projects all strive toward improving access to health information for health professionals, health consumers, and public librarians, and to promote the awareness and use of products and services available from the NLM and the NN/LM. Target groups include both urban and rural populations, and ethnic groups such as Native Americans.

Congratulations to the following librarians on their successful proposals! Reports on the progress of these projects will appear in future issues of *Latitudes*.

Mary Lou Goldstein, Scottsdale Healthcare Library, Scottsdale, AZ

Project Title: "Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health Information Outreach"

Description: Workshops will be provided to the designated Indian Community, which cover obtaining consumer health information with MEDLINEplus, searching PubMed, and an overview of available health information resources on the Web. The target population will be instructed on how to use these resources effectively to make informed decisions about their health. The project will also present a monthly speaker who will address issues of interest to the audience, such as nutrition and diabetes, as well as establish a small book collection at the site. Finally, the project will partner with the resident Health Educator to help her establish and continue this process with the target population.

Marsha Kmec, Olive View/UCLA Medical Center Library, Sylmar, CA

Project Title: "San Fernando Valley Health Information Outreach"

Description: Training sessions will be provided to ValleyCare Clinics to promote PubMed, MEDLINEplus, Loansome Doc, and document delivery services with the Health Sciences Library. The workshops will also cover using the Web, finding Web-based health information resources, and evaluating health information found on the Web. The project will assess Internet access at surrounding ValleyCare Clinics, and initiate contacts with area public libraries, such as Granada Hills and Pacoima, to begin assessment and planning for health information outreach to members of the public.

Douglas Varner, California Pacific Medical Center Library, San Francisco, CA

Project Title: "Bay Area Health Information Outreach"

Description: Partnering with the Golden Gateway Library Network, this project will provide instruction to public library user groups and reference librarians working in public libraries in using and evaluating health care information resources on the Internet, including NLM products and services. Ten instructional sessions will be provided, covering topics such as MEDLINEplus, PubMed, and the NLM Gateway. Instruction will focus on finding information on aspects of healthy living for various urban public library user groups, such as minority populations, seniors, and persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Eris Weaver, Redwood Health Library, Petaluma, CA

Project Title: "Petaluma Health Information Access"

Description: This project will identify television and video programming which covers finding and evaluating health information, and targets Spanish-only speakers and consumers with low literacy levels. Partnering with local television station Petaluma Community Access, television and video programs in English and Spanish will be broadcast on the local cable channel. These programs will inform viewers how to access local health services, including the Redwood Health Library and the Petaluma Health Center; how to find and evaluate health information; and basic prevention, wellness, and self-care issues. In addition, the project involves the creation of two to four original programs, both in English and in Spanish. All programs will be available for checkout from the Library.

Applications for the second round of Express Outreach Awards were due June 28, 2002. For more information about PSRML's Express Outreach Awards, contact Alan Carr, acarr@library.ucla.edu, (310) 825-7263, or (800) 338-7657. – AC

Welcoming, Adding and Updating!

Changes have taken place in the Pacific Southwest Region in terms of new and closed libraries. A number of affiliate members and one full member DOCLINE library have been added to our Region; one library has closed. In addition, a new Library Group has recently been added to DOCUSER: CHIP - Consortium of Health Information Providers.

New Affiliate Members

LIBID	Institution	Department
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CAUIMZ	L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center	California AIDS Clearinghouse
CAUINB	California Department of Education	California Healthy Kids Resource Center
CAUINH	The Preuss School UCSD	Helen K. Copley Learning Resource Center Library

New Full Member and DOCLINE Participant

LIBID	Institution	Department
AZUHNH	Phoenix Children's Hospital	Medical Library

The librarian will have her journal holdings in SERHOLD by the end of July. If you would like to add this new DOCLINE participant to your routing table, please contact the library for permission prior to submitting the routing table change.

Closed DOCLINE Participant

LIBID	Institution	Department
CAUSKE	St. Luke Medical Center	William P. Long Memorial Medical Library

Performing a search in DOCUSER for **Only if: Library Closed** will give you the complete list of closed DOCLINE libraries nationwide. If the majority of libraries in your routing table are in **Region 7 – Pacific Southwest Region**, you could add **Region code** as a **Search in:** term prior to running your search for closed libraries.

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Frankenstein Travels!

“Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature” is an exhibition developed by NLM and the American Library Association and funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibition will visit 80 libraries from October 2002 through December 2005. It encourages audiences to examine the intent of Mary Shelley's novel, *Frankenstein*, and to discuss Shelley's and their own views about personal and societal responsibility as it relates to science and other areas of life. See <http://www.ala.org/publicprograms/frankenstein/>.

Listed below is the tour schedule for libraries in the Pacific Southwest Region. Please contact the library for exhibit hours and special events.

Tour Dates: Mar 5 – Apr 18, 2003

Jeanette McCray
 Arizona Health Sciences Library
 Room 1141, P.O. Box 245079
 1501 N. Campbell Ave.
 Tucson, AZ 85724-5079
 Phone: 520-626-6143
 Fax: 520-626-2922

Email: mccray@ahsl.Arizona.edu

Tour Dates: Apr 23 – June 6, 2003

Burton Barr Central Library
1221 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Phone: 602-262-4636
Fax: 602-261-8800

Tour Dates: July 23 – Sept 5, 2003

Shawna Thorup
Torrance Public Library
3301 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503-5014
Phone: 310-618-5974
Fax: 310-320-3421
Email: sthorup@torrnet.com

Tour Dates: Sept 17 – Nov 3, 2003

Allan Hancock College
Learning Resource Center
800 S. College
Santa Maria, CA 93454-6368
Phone: 805-922-6966
Fax: 805-922-3763

Tour Dates: Nov 12, 2003 – Jan 9, 2004

Dawn Setzer
UCLA Library
53442 Young Research Library
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1575
Phone: 310-825-0746
Fax: 310-825-6925
Email: dsetzer@library.ucla.edu

Tour Dates: Jan 21 – Mar 5, 2004

Ventura College Library
4667 Telegraph Rd.
Ventura, CA 93003-3899
Phone: 805-654-6400
Fax: 805-648-8900

NLM Gift Shop Opens @ www.nlmgiftshop.org

In addition to NLM promotional materials available from PSRML, a number of unique NLM logo items are now available from the new NLM Gift Shop. The gift shop, a non-profit venture of both NLM and the NIH

Recreation and Welfare Association, opened on May 8, 2002, in response to a number of requests for NLM logo items. The selection of items is varied, ranging from tote bags to shirts to umbrellas. Items can be viewed and ordered at <http://www.nlmgiftshop.org/>. If you have suggestions for additional items or questions about the program, please contact Karen Hajarian, Director of Promotions, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894, (301) 402-4277, hajarian@nlm.nih.gov. – CB

[Editor's Note: Promotional materials available directly from PSRML may be ordered at http://nnlm.gov/psr/promo_items.html.]

NTCC Educational Clearinghouse Database: You Don't Need to Reinvent the Wheel!

On June 17, 2002, the NN/LM National Training Center & Clearinghouse (NTCC) released the new Educational Clearinghouse Database, which was developed to provide access to training materials from the National Library of Medicine, the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, and other organizations interested in health information. The database includes links to online tutorials, electronic pamphlets, database search services, Internet instructional tools, and similar training materials. The Clearinghouse does not contain original content, but instead serves as a referral service to health information training materials available on the Web.

Each record includes title, keywords, languages, contents, formats, audiences, contacts, and publication date. You can browse by content, format, audience, and title, and you can also search by keyword. A web form is included for suggesting new resources and another one for sending comments.

To use the Educational Clearinghouse Database, go to <http://nnlm.gov/mar/online/>. You can also get to this page quickly from the PSRML home page by clicking on NTCC in the top right navigation menu. Look for this!

Highlights from the May – June 2002 issue of the *NLM Technical Bulletin*

Using MEDLINE for Evidence-Based Medicine

MEDLINE has a new feature to help evidence-based medicine research. Because of the current interest in evidence-based medicine, a number of journals now publish articles featuring an evidence-based analysis of articles published elsewhere. With this new indexing policy, these articles have several important features:

- They provide a direct link to the research article they analyze, using the “Comment on” field.
- They are not assigned MeSH terms. Instead, subject access will occur via the MeSH terms applied to the original article.
- They can be accessed directly from the original article using the “Comment in” field.

From the *Technical Notes*:

- PubMed's Journal Browser now links directly to Locatorplus. Click on the journal title.
- PubMed turned five in June! In those five years, usage has gone from about 2 million searches per month to a whopping 1.3 million searches per day.

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15	Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD, Director of the National Institutes of Health's National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), (see http://www.nhgri.nih.gov/) will give the NLM/MLA 2002 Leiter Lecture: Genomics, Medicine, and Society, NLM Lister Hill Auditorium (Webcast from NIH videocasting, http://videocast.nih.gov/default.asp), 1pm - 3pm EST
27-30	National Urban League, Opportunity + Equality = One America, http://www.nul.org/2002conf/MAIN.HTM , Los Angeles, CA (<i>PSRML exhibit</i>)
August 2002	
5-9	National Library of Medicine, <i>NCBI Advanced Workshop for Bioinformatics Information Specialists</i> , http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Class/NAWBIS/ , Bethesda, MD
September 2002	
27-28	Hawaii Library Association Annual Conference, Oahu, HI
29-Oct. 6	NLM, <i>Medical Informatics</i> course, http://courses.mbl.edu/Medical_Informatics/index.html , Woods Hole, MA
October 2002	
1	Deadline for NLM Resource Grants, for more information visit http://www.nlm.nih.gov/ep/extramural.html
3 - 5	Nevada Library Association, <i>Renewal: Reinventing the Roots of Tradition</i> , http://www.nevadalibraries.org/Conference02/index.html , Ely, NV
6 - 10	American College of Surgeons. Clinical Congress, http://www.facs.org/clincon2002/ , San Francisco, CA (<i>PSRML Exhibit</i>)
7	National Training Center and Clearinghouse (NTCC), <i>TOXNET on the Web</i> (1-day), http://nnlm.gov/mar/online/description.html , NTCC, Tucson, AZ
8	NTCC, <i>Keeping Up</i> (1-day), http://nnlm.gov/mar/online/description.html , Tucson, AZ
9-10	NTCC, <i>Introduction to Web-Based Searching: Using PubMed, the NLM Gateway and ClinicalTrials.gov</i> (2-days), http://nnlm.gov/mar/online/description.html , Tucson, AZ
14	NTCC, <i>Keeping Up</i> (1-day), http://nnlm.gov/mar/online/description.html , Davis, CA
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16 - 20	American Academy of Family Physicians, Scientific Assembly, http://www.aafp.org/assembly/ , San Diego, CA (<i>PSRML Exhibit</i>)
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2-3	Los Angeles Latino Book and Family Festival, http://www.latinofestivals.com/home/schedule/los-angeles-11-2-2002/ , Los Angeles, CA (<i>PSRML Exhibit</i>)
3-7	Internet Librarian, <i>Navigating in Turbulent Waters</i> , http://www.infotoday.com/il2002/default.htm , Palm Springs, CA
8-13	Association of American Medical Colleges, http://www.aamc.org/ , San Francisco, CA
9-13	American Medical Informatics Association, <i>Biomedical Informatics: One Discipline</i> , http://www.amia.org/meetings/annual/current/main.html San Antonio, TX
10 - 15	National Congress of American Indians, NCAI 59th Annual Session, http://www.ncai.org/main/pages/national_calendar/NCAI/Annual2002/flyersdiego.pdf , San

	Diego, CA (<i>PSRML Exhibit</i>)
15 - 18	California Library Association, <i>Building Our Strengths</i> , http://www.cla-net.org/conf/conf.html , Sacramento, CA
18-22	Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives, 2002 Annual Conference, <i>Libraries, Museums, and Archives: The Coconut Tree of Life</i> , http://www.uog.edu/rfk/piala/piala.html , Chuuk State, the Federated States of Micronesia
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2	NTCC, <i>Keeping Up</i> (1-day), http://nnlm.gov/mar/online/description.html , Los Angeles, CA
3	NTCC, <i>TOXNET on the Web</i> (1-day), http://nnlm.gov/mar/online/description.html , Los Angeles, CA
4 - 6	Arizona Library Association, <i>Culture, Connections and Community</i> , http://www.azla.org/2002/index.html , Phoenix Civic Plaza South, Phoenix, AZ

***Please visit the [PSRML Library Professional Development Award](#) web page to apply for an award to attend educational events. PSRML will make available awards up to \$1,000 to individuals in Primary Access Libraries in the Pacific Southwest Region. Applications may be made at any time.**

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